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[HOUSE BILL, No. 12.]

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.—January 22, 1863.—Read first and second times, referred to Committee on Military Affairs, and ordered to be printed.

[By Mr. ROYSTER.]

A BILL

To be entitled “An Act to increase and strengthen the army of the Confederate States.”

1 SECTION 1. *The Congress of the Confederate States of America do*
2 *enact*, That the President be, and he is hereby authorized to call
3 out, and place in the service of the Confederate States, during
4 the existing war, such number of the able-bodied male slaves in
5 the Confederate States, between the ages of eighteen and forty-
6 five years, as may be necessary, from time to time to serve as
7 teamsters, cooks, laborers and hospital nurses, for the armies of
8 the Confederate States, so that the soldiers now engaged in such,
9 may be relieved therefrom, and take their position in the army
10 of the Confederate States.

1 SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That said slaves, while so
2 employed in the service of the Confederate States, shall be fed,

3 clothed, and taken care of at the expense of the Confederate
4 States, without any expense whatever, to the owner or owners
5 of such slaves, and there shall be paid to the owners of such
6 slaves the sum of ten dollars per month, as the hire of each and
7 every of said slaves for the time that they may be in the service
8 of the Confederate States, to be paid quarterly out of any money
9 in the treasury for that purpose.

1 SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That the President shall
2 cause all such slaves between the ages of eighteen and forty-five
3 years, to be enrolled by the Confederate Marshals of the district
4 of each of the States composing the Confederate States of
5 America, and when so enrolled shall be subject to the call of the
6 President of the Confederate States, in such number and between
7 such ages, between the ages of eighteen and forty-five years,
8 as may be found necessary for the purposes within the first
9 section of this act specified.

1 SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted,* That the several Confederate
2 Marshals, of the several districts of the States of the Confederate
3 States of America, when said enrollments shall be made, shall,
4 within sixty days after the enrollment shall be made, file in
5 the office of the Secretary of War, at the seat of Government of
6 the Confederate States, a descriptive list of the slaves so enrolled

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7 by them, stating the names, ages, and color of such slaves, and
8 also the names and place of residence of their owners, and
9 whenever such slaves, or any of them, shall not be necessary and
10 required for the performance of the duties within the first
11 section of this act specified, they shall be returned to their
12 owners, there to remain until again called into the service of the
13 Confederate States for the purposes in the first section of this
14 act specified.

1 SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted*, That said slaves, while in
2 the service of the Confederate States, shall be governed by such
3 rules and regulations as may be prescribed by the President of
4 the Confederate States.

1 SEC. 6. *And be it further enacted*, That this act shall take effect,
2 and be in force from and after its passage.



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